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Extend to their Friends and Patrons

Greetings

and Best Wishes for a

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

NEW STORE IN TOWN!

BRAND NEW STOCK OF GROCERIES! **PULL LINE OF STAPLE AND FANCY GOODS**—AND PRICES AT THE LOWEST NOTCH—
I have just opened up a select and complete stock in the Stetson Building between J. R. Elliott's and A. Roe's and respectfully invite the public to call and examine my goods and prices.

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Orders filled promptly.

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Buy of Blount.

His Fall and Winter Stock is now complete and includes

Shoes, Hats and Gents' Furnishings.

SUITS MADE TO ORDER.

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Wholesale and Retail Dealer in—

HAY, GRAIN, FEED,

Lime and Cement.

Sole agent for Armour's celebrated complete fertilizers and chemicals and the celebrated Magic Food for poultry and stock.

Agent for No. 1 Cypress Tanks with patent lugs, put up by D. A. Holcomb of this city. Call and get my prices and patronize home industry.

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GOOD NEWS FOR RETAIL BUYERS!

Besides the Usually Complete Stock of the Cheapest

STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES

IN TOWN, I HAVE ADDED A SELECT LINE OF

MEN'S PANTS and UNDERWEAR,

Ladies and Children's Shirt Waists,

Big Variety of 5c. and 10c. Goods; also, a large stock of

Tinware, Tableware and Crockery.

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Continental Fire Insurance Company of New York.
Pacific Fire Insurance Company of New York.
The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York.

Do you know what HEALTH INSURANCE is? It may be worth \$5 per week to you to call this agency and be informed.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONAL POINTERS FITELY PRINTED.

Various Items Gleaned From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

Try Smith's bread.

New Year's next Thursday.

Useppa Inn opens January 10th.

The shortest days passed last week.

Money to loan K. B. Harvey, agt.

Winter visitors are arriving.

Smith bakes the best of bread.—48

Cold weather north, balmy weather here.

It was a cool, but bright and beautiful Christmas here.

Buy your bread at Smith's bakery.

Most of those who had turkey for dinner yesterday paid 25c. a pound for it.

Judge D. W. Arline of Wauchula paid THE HERALD a pleasant call Tuesday.

Go to Smith's bakery for nice fresh fruits.

Miss Pearl Hill and Tupper Perkins are home from Lake City college to spend the holidays.

Pastor Ferran of the Presbyterian church is enjoying the holidays with his parents and friends in Eastis.

Col. Pepper will discourse from the Presbyterian pulpit on Sunday morning.

Always call on R. C. Blount before purchasing your gents' furnishings.

Col. J. W. Burton, a popular and brilliant lawyer of Arcadia, was in town on business Tuesday.

Col. C. C. Morgan, genial gentleman and able lawyer of Fort Ogden, was a welcome caller at this office Tuesday.

Prof. and Mrs. Henry Damm of St. Petersburg are spending the holidays here with Mrs. D's parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Purdue.

After stopping several days with Mrs. R. B. Tatum on Marian avenue, Miss Quinby returned this week to her home at Englewood.

Try Smith's Graham and Rye bread.

The Schooner "Sophie Beerman" left this week for Key West with a cargo of fifty tons of ice shipped by the Consolidated Co.

Messrs. Emanuel Thomas and Summers of Salem, Ohio, excellent people and friends of the Hewitt family, arrived last week and will enjoy the winter here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Buchanan of Troy, Ala., arrived Wednesday and the latter will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Herbert Sewell. The former returns today.

Nice line of fresh candy at Smith's bakery.

The handsome steam yacht Valima, belonging to the Messrs. Roach of Useppa Inn, went on the ways at Cleveland last week to have her hull cleaned.

Mr. Geo. L. Clemans, a live and agreeable gentleman from Forest City, Iowa, arrived on Tuesday and intends to sojourn here for the winter. We trust his stay will prove pleasant.

Black and galvanized stove pipe, popular prices at Swift's Tin Shop—33

Mr. Fred S. Strohhart will leave next week for Klamath, whence he will chaperone a party of Northern pleasure seekers through the Okeechobee and its branches. He expects to be gone several months.

THE HERALD is again one printer short. It's a very throeome affliction resulting from the fact that printers trained in cities soon tire of village life. The want of sufficient and permanent help has caused this publisher tons of worry.

Smith's bread is baked fresh every day.

The St. Mark's Missionary Baptist church (colored) will celebrate its pastoral anniversary for four days beginning on the evening of Jan. 1. A varied programme has been prepared and everything arranged to make the occasion a great success.

Our colored people have had a big Christmas. They began on Tuesday with an entertainment by the Dixie Comedy Company in the colored Masonic hall and followed it up with private social affairs every night since.

Mrs. Neva C. Child, the able mistress of the Champion, accompanied by her handsome son, Daniel, of Espritus, Cuba, favored Punta Gorda with a visit Tuesday and during her stay brightened this office with an appreciated call.

Chiffon boas and lace collars at Earnest's.

That expert blacksmith, buggy and wagon builder, Mr. E. Keen, did a splendid piece of work recently in taking a wreck of a buggy belonging to Underhill & Son and making a brand new buggy out of it. His skill in such work cannot be surpassed.

All the Sunday schools had beautiful Christmas trees and the children were just loaded with gifts.

Fine line of dress goods, novelties and trimmings for holiday trade at Earnest's.

Mrs. Jesse R. Sandlin received her Christmas present a week or so ago; it is a superb \$500 piano and was given her by her husband.

Choice line of dried and evaporated fruits at Smith's bakery.

Born, Tuesday morning, Dec. 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chadwick, a son. Bruce is naturally proud of his Christmas present.

Call around and see the new gasoline stove just received at Swift's tin shop.—36-42

Mr. Eli Tucker and daughter Blanche visited Tampa this week. The latter will remain there with friends till New Year's.

A delightful croquet party last night at the McLane home on Retta Esplanade was greatly enjoyed by some twenty young people.

Pay less and dress better. Suits made to order and a fit guaranteed by R. C. Blount, agent for the Royal Tailors.

ORANGE GROVE FOR SALE.—255 bearing trees; 1 1/2 miles from Fort Ogden. Price reasonable. Apply to C. C. Morgan, Fort Ogden, Fla. 51-52

Miss Gene Fosnot of THE HERALD enjoyed a trip down the bay Christmas morning on Capt. K. B. Harvey's boat, "Lorraine."

Mr. E. G. Roe, who is employed in the Atlantic Coast Line offices in Jacksonville, took Christmas dinner with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. A. Roe, of Hotel Dade.

FOR SALE.—One acre water frontage east of cattle dock, with riparian rights. Apply to Thos. O'R. Jameson Punta Gorda, Fla. 34-41

Mr. Cecil Crossland came in from Jacksonville Wednesday, and all of us are glad to see him. But what we would like to know is, can't a fellow come to see his best girl without having everybody teasing him about it?

Misses Lorraine Chatterton, Maggie Stetson and Ellen Cooper are back from Stetson University to spend the holidays with home folks here. Miss Chatterton was accompanied by her friend, Miss Mina Belle Schofield, a charming young lady from Minnesota, who will enjoy the festive season here.

FOR SALE.—5 acre lots adjoining the town; will raise oranges, pineapples, strawberries or vegetables. Price \$100. ISAAC H. THAMME. 41

Rev. J. T. Betts gave two interesting moving picture exhibitions in the school house this week, one on Monday night and the other on Tuesday night. Both were well attended and greatly enjoyed by those of the audience who had front seats. Those on the rear seats could not see anything.

Buy your dress goods at Earnest's and have them made in style by Miss Fitzgerald, a first-class dressmaker from Atlanta.

Although Mr. Fippon Adams remained in town over a week, he was unable to complete his preliminary canvass, and business elsewhere prevented his remaining as long as he desired. He will return later and stay longer. He is much pleased with Punta Gorda, and the kind reception his people have given him. Remember, he is the piano tuner who stands ready to refund the money in case work does not prove satisfactory. It will pay you to wait for him.

The Punta Gorda Livery Stables, E. A. Seward, manager, is a new enterprise recently established which solicits a share of the public patronage. Good horses and buggies and fair treatment. 17-18.

Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Roberts and their son Raymond left this week for St. Petersburg to embark in the hotel business. They will be greatly missed by a wide circle of friends here, who, while deeply regretting their departure, hope that they will prosper and be happy in their new home. This excellent family is cordially commended to the good people of St. Petersburg as worthy of the highest esteem. Capt. Roberts leaves his valuable property in a residence and pinery, in the hands of Mr. Wm. Crouch to sell.

Happy new year next week.

The Reason Why

Hancock's Liquid Sulphur should be in every home; it is indicated and prescribed by the leading physicians for such diseases as Eczema, Pimples, Ringworm, Salt Rheum, Dandruff, Diptheria, Sore throat, Cuts, Burns, Open sores and all blood and skin troubles. No home should be without it. Ask your druggist for a book on Liquid Sulphur. All druggists.

Write it 1908 next Thursday.

Relief for the Suffering.

Hancock's Liquid Sulphur will give you immediate relief and permanently cure all such diseases as Eczema, Pimples, Tetter, Herpes, Ringworm, Salt Rheum, Dandruff, Diptheria, Sore throat, Cuts, Burns, Open sores, and all blood and skin troubles. Hundreds of cases of skin diseases have been permanently cured by the use of Hancock's Liquid Sulphur after all other remedies have failed. For sale by all druggists. If

To-morrow will be St. John's Day.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy free as soon as the first indications of the cold appear. There is no danger in giving it to children, for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to the taste and you will get the best of it. It cures. For sale by all druggists.

JAPANESE SUGAR CANE.

Mr. H. H. Fuller, of Altamonte Springs, has an interesting article published in the Agriculturist, which is illustrated by cuts, regarding the cultivation and manufacture into syrup of Japanese sugar cane. Its introduction to Florida can hardly fail to give an impetus to the sugar and syrup industry in Florida. As to results he says:

The writer has made 575 gallons to the acre and sold the same for 60c. per gallon. This acre giving 575 gallons was a very fine piece of cane and good land. It is the writer's belief that 11,500 gallons are called the average on our old groves and pieces of land that are idle it is a boon to the Florida farmer.

FOR SALE.

Four acres of choice land in Solana, a few rods north of depot and sidetrack, facing county road, adjoining Mr. Whitton's orange grove on the north. One of the best drained pieces of land in that vicinity, well suited for vegetables or pineapples. Apply to L. I. Holcomb, 47-48

Punta Gorda, Fla.

O. E. S.'S NEW OFFICERS

The ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star met in the Masonic hall last Friday afternoon and chose the following as officers to serve during the ensuing year:

Mrs. J. M. W. M., Dr. J. M. Samuel, W. P.; Mrs. J. E. McIntosh, A. W. M.; Mrs. H. L. Blakey, secretary; Mrs. A. P. Jordan, treasurer; Mrs. Jas. A. Newsome, conductress; Mrs. T. A. Bass, assistant.

These will be publicly installed in the lodge room tomorrow night.

TWO DWELLINGS FOR SALE.

One on King street, four large rooms; the other on Cross street, three rooms in main building with dining room and kitchen adjoining; fine water; all in good repair; very desirable property. A bargain for part cash and part on time. Apply to

THOS. O'R. JAMESON.

50-51.

FINE EGGS FOR HATCHING.

Thoroughbred Barred and White Plymouth Rocks, \$1 for 13; White Leghorns, 50c for 13. Toulouse geese, 25 to 30 pounds each. 25 per trio; eggs 25c each. JOHN H. CAPO, P. O. M. & S. S. Co.—50-51.

FURS AND BEES WANTED.

I will pay the highest cash price for coon, fox, opossum, polecat and other skins. JAMES A. NEWSOME, 48-49.

Punta Gorda, Fla.

OBSERVE THIS REQUIREMENT.

All petitions, applications or other business to come before the town council, must be written and handed to the mayor, president of the council or some member of a committee to have action taken thereon.

F. K. ADAMS, Pres. of Council.

Dec. 15, 1902.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Better Than a Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side or chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep seated muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by all druggists.

A New Remedy.

The old friends of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will be pleased to know that the manufacturers of that preparation have gotten out a new remedy called Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and which, meeting with much success, has been recommended by the highest authorities on the subject of indigestion, sick headache, constipation, biliousness, etc.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that this group can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists.

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J. R. ELLIOTT.

Wishing You a Happy New Year.

Xmas is over; We have a few nice Xmas goods left over and will now sell at greatly reduced prices for the next few days. All our Christmas goods are going; now is your time to get presents at your own price. Come and see—the bargains we are offering in this line.

CLOTHING.

Our clothing is the best money can buy. The manufacturers issue an iron clad insurance policy with every suit, something no other concern does. Everything in our well assorted stock of

Dry Goods

is value for value. We are prepared to meet your every want. We can save you money.

Thanking you for your past favors and wishing you a Happy New Year, I am,
Yours Respectfully,

J. R. ELLIOTT.

Pone No. 10.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU EAT!

Good Health Demands—

Wholesome Food,

SUCH AS YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND AT THE

P. G. M. AND S. S. CO

(Punta Gorda Market and Ship Supply Co.)

Everything in the Grocery line, including

Fresh Meats, of all kinds, Fruits, Vegetables

Eggs, and Chickens. Rock bottom prices

throughout. Prompt Free Delivery!

Everybody is Interested

In getting the BEST goods at the LOWEST prices.

That is what we are doing—getting the best of every

thing at lowest cost and giving

Our Customers the Benefit

of the LOW PRICES we get ourselves. Accordingly

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